THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The steps already taken and being contemplated in this regard include improvement of airline services, signing of a number of bilateral air agreements, introduction of air taxi scheduled airlines operations, liberalised economic policies for attracting foreign investment in the tourism sector, strengthening of marketing efforts in traditional markets and development of new markets, improvement of infrastructural facilities etc.

Birds hit incident involving Paris-bound boeing aircraft

3933. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paris-bound Air-India Boeing was involved in a bird hit recently; and

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to avoid bird hits to the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken to avoid bird hits to aircraft:—

(i) Airfield environment Management Committees have been established at airports to monitor the implementation of measures to control bird menance.

(ii) Officials of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in association with the airport authorities, airlines and municipal and health authorities periodically carry out joint surveys of the areas surrounding major aiports to identify the sources of bird attraction, suggest remedial measures and detect instances of violation of laws and regulations.

(iii) Prosecution is initiated under Aircraft Rules against persons indulging in deskinning of dead animals and slaughtering of animals and disposal of garbage in the open which attract birds in the vicinity of the aerodrome.

(iv) Proper disposal of food wastes and garbage originating from flight kitchens and aircraft inside the aerodrome is ensured.

(v) Levelling of airfield operational area, removal of wild vegetation, provision of proper drainage and pigeon proofing of hangars inside the aerodromes, etc. are undertaken.

भोपाल हवाई अड्डे का विकास

6934. श्री रामजी : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भोपाल (बैरागढ़) स्थित हवाई अड्डे के विकास की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की निम्नलिखित कार्य करने की योजनायें हैं:—

(1) टर्मिनल भवन का निर्माण और आधुनिकीकरण

(2) डॉप्लर अति उच्च आवृत्ति सर्वपरास का संस्थापन

(3) दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों में कारोबार "नेटवर्क" का संस्थापन

(4) 20 चैनल वाले डेप रिकार्डरों का संस्थापन ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Leasing out the business of ITDC

6935. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sell out or lease out any business of ITDC to private parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with reasons;

(c) whether the conditionalities incorporated in the concerned documents will include guarantee of the existing employees to continue in service on the existing service conditions with the bidder; and

(d) if not, how the ITDC management is going to safeguard employment of such employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) ITDC has no proposal to sell out any business property/activity. However, with a view to gainfully utilising premises, facilities etc., in the hotels, ITDC has certain proposals to lease out some portion, premises, restaurant in some of its hotels.

(c) and (d) On leasing out premises, restaurants, etc., the employees wherever employed to man the facilities would be redeployed in the same unit or in any other unit of ITDC depending upon the business requirements.

CBI raid at the residence of ITDC Vice-President

6936. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a raid was conducted by CBI at the residence of ITDC Vice-President (P&E) on the 26th June, 1990 and immoveable and moveable properties worth more than 13 lakhs and 44 incriminating documents were recovered;

(b) if so, what are the details of the above-said properties and documents and how the same have been accounted for by the delinquent official of ITDC, so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that above-mentioned Vice-President of ITDC entered into criminal conspiracy for short-cutting the official procedures in awarding Rs. 62 lakhs contract for expansion of Hotel Ashok Jaipur by accepting 2.5 per cent commission in awarding the cntract to the company which was not professionally competent and financially sound;

(d) whether it is a fact that provisions exist under Government Service Rules for weeding out official of doubtful integrity and men of dubious character; if so, how it has taken more than four years by ITDC/Government to dispense with the services of the above-mentioned delinquent official and he is still in the service of ITDC; and

(e) whether any action would be taken by Government against such officials who are responsible for giving full protection to the above-mentioned delinqent ITDC Executive and delaying the disposal of his case for more than four years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes: Sir. As per report of CBI, the following assets/incriminating documents were found:

(i) NSC/Shares etc, of the value of Rs. 4.15 lakhs.

(ii) House-hold artlcles to the value of Rs. 2.17 lakhs.

(iii) Gold jewellery worth Rs. 90.000/-